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SOCIAL STUDIES HOLIDAY HOMEWORK  
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**Issue 1: Chapter 1: What Does Citizenship Mean to Me?**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**



1. As part of your preparations to begin the study of Social Studies in 2026, you will be introduced to the attributes which shape a person's understanding of citizenship.
2. Print this worksheet and go through this worksheet. Then, provide responses to the questions in the worksheet.

**1. Attributes Can Shape One's Understanding of Citizenship**

**I CAN:**

- Identify the 4 attributes which can shape citizenship.
- Describe each of these attributes.



**DEFINITION**

**Activity A: Definition of Citizenship.**

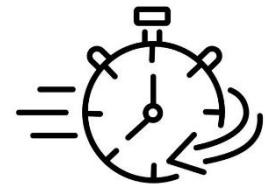
Study the source below and answer the question which follows:

*Source A: From an article published on the website of an American university, 2012.*

A citizen is a participatory member of a political community. Citizenship is gained by meeting the legal requirements of a country's government. Citizenship can mean a citizen has the right to vote, the right to hold government offices and the right to collect subsidies, to name a few examples.

i. According to the source, what does it mean to be a citizen of a country?

Citizens are...



Quick Response

### Activity B: The Importance of Having Citizenship.

Go to the YouTube link stated below. Watch the video and answer the question which follows:



Stateless in Singapore: No job, no education, no country

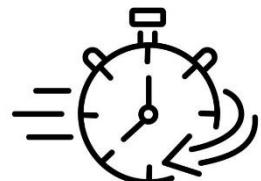
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iCwd34GBXA>

According to the source:

What are some of the problems faced by people who are stateless? State at least two.

i.

ii.



Quick Response

- From Activity B, you discovered that there are people who are not citizens of any country.
- As such, these people are not “members” of any country.
- Hence, how do people become citizens of a country, i.e. “members” of a country?

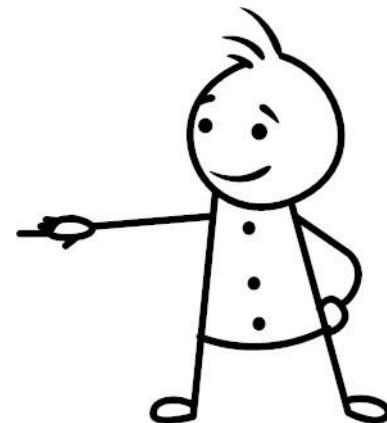
- A person is considered a citizen of a country when they have the following attributes (characteristics):

1. Legal Status

2. A Sense of Identity

3. Shared Values

4. Civic Participation



Let's look at each one of them:

### 1. Legal Status

Let's start with the first attribute, legal status.

- When a person obtains legal status, they are recognised by the law of the country as an "official" citizen or member of a country.
  - i. By country of birth: A person who is born in the country.
  - ii. By descent: In many countries, a child can obtain citizenship if he or she has at least one parent who is a citizen of that country.
  - iii. By marriage: By marrying a citizen of a particular country.
  - iv. By naturalisation: Many countries grant citizenship to those who have moved to that country and lived there for a number of years. Some countries require aspiring citizens to pass a test and/or give up their original citizenship.

### Activity C: Obtaining Legal Status

Go to the YouTube link stated below. Watch the video and answer the question which follows:



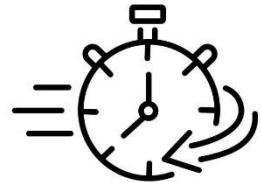
An Ang Moh in Singapore | I AM SINGAPOREAN | SEASON 2 | Ep 1

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVUngWZIc\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVUngWZIc_s)

According to the source:

How did Morag McGhee obtain legal status?

She obtained legal status through...



- When an individual obtains citizenship, he/she is granted certain rights.
- The rights of citizens are laid out in a country's constitution. A constitution is a collection of rules and principles that determine how a country is run.
- One example of the rights of Singapore citizens is the right to vote.
- However, when one is a citizen of a country, they will also need to fulfil certain responsibilities.



### Activity D: Example of Responsibilities of Citizenship

Go to the YouTube site stated on the next page. Watch the video and answer the questions which follow:

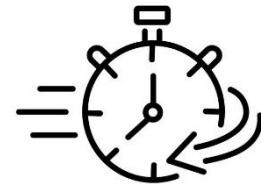


### My NS Journey - To Serve

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGa45HVrO2s>

According to the source:

i. What responsibility towards the country must young men fulfil as a Singaporean citizen?



ii. What are some of the challenges young men face in fulfilling this responsibility? State two challenges.

## 2. A Sense of Identity

- Another attribute which can shape citizenship is a sense of identity.
- Your identity refers to how you perceive yourself and how you believe others perceive you.
- People who are citizens of the same country have a sense of national identity.
- This identity comes from a shared belief of connectedness to one another and belonging to the country.

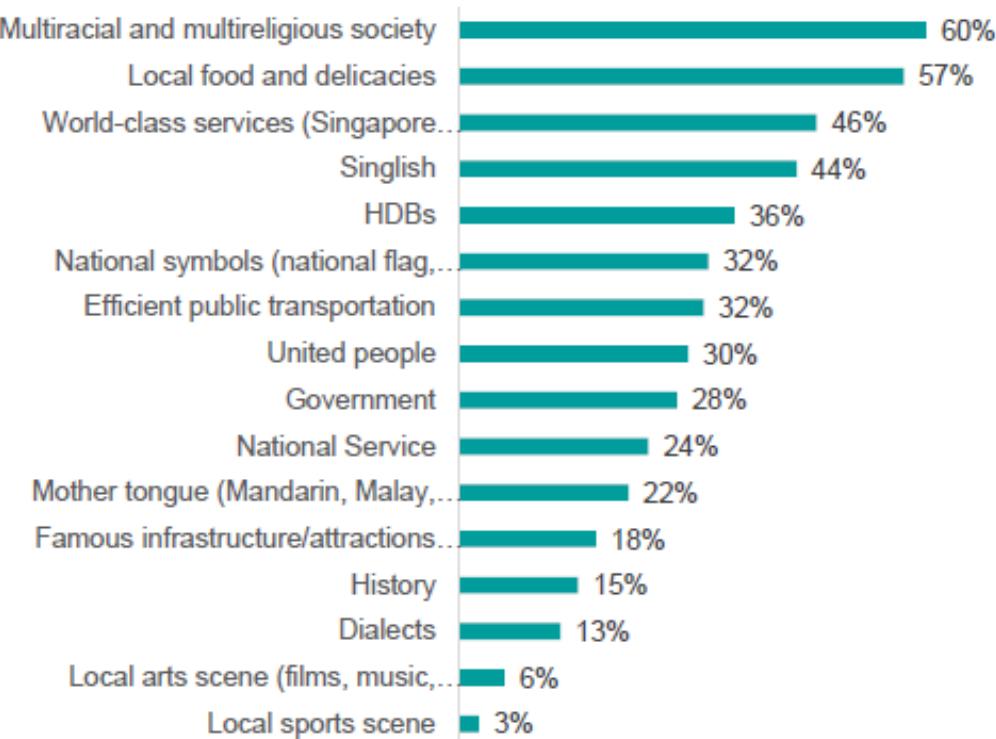
### Activity E: What Makes Us Singaporean

Study the source below and answer the questions which follow:

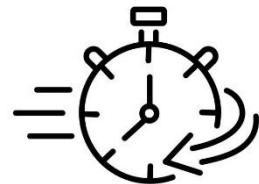
**Source B: From a survey done with 1,000 Singaporeans and Permanent Residents, aged 18 years old and above done by one of the world's leading market research companies, IPSOS. The survey sought to find out what Singaporeans identify with as being Singaporean, 2020.**

## THE SINGAPOREAN IDENTITY

Attributes considered important to the Singaporean identity...



i. Do you identify with any of the characteristics highlighted in Source B on the previous page? Which one and why?



Quick Response

ii. Are you surprised by any of the characteristics identified in the survey? Which one and why?

### 3. Shared Values

- The third attribute which shapes citizenship is shared values.
- Values are principles and beliefs which influence a person's attitudes, thinking and behaviour. Hence, citizens of a country usually share a set of values which unite and bind citizens of a country.
- An example of a shared value is the emphasis on multiculturalism.

#### Activity F: Singaporean Value of Multiculturalism

Go to the YouTube link stated on the next page. Watch the video and answer the questions which follow:

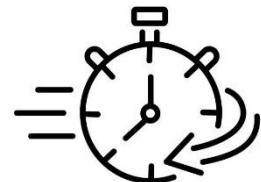


Diverse Ethnicities, Multiple Cultures

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cm\\_3dudEd8w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cm_3dudEd8w)

According to the source:

i. How did Singapore become a multicultural society?



Quick Response

ii. State two policies that Singapore introduced to protect Singapore's multiculturalism.

#### 4. Civic Participation

- Citizenship can also be shaped by attitudes towards civic participation.
- Civic participation refers to citizens actively taking part in public affairs.
- Citizens can participate in public affairs either as individuals or in community groups. Let's look at some examples.

### Activity G: Example of Participation in Public Affairs as Individuals

Go to the YouTube link stated below. Watch the video and answer the questions which follows:



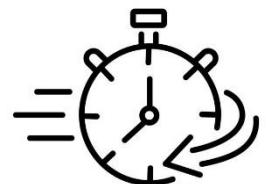
The Free Grocery Corner for Those in Need | Riqmah Kindness Corner

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJVOoAfq048>

According to the source:

i. How did the couple participate in public affairs?

ii. Who did they want to help and why?



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### Activity H: Example of Participation in Public Affairs as Part of Community Groups

Go to the YouTube link stated below. Watch the video and answer the questions which follows:



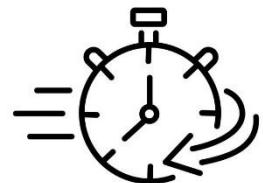
Let's Recycle Together Introductory Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQEFnnXkSwQ>

**According to the source:**

i. Which organisation is being featured?

ii. What do the volunteers of this organisation hope to encourage? How will they do this?



Quick Response



The tasks you completed earlier would give you an idea of how citizenship can be shaped.

When you return to school, you will be checking your answers and discussing these points further with your Social Studies teachers. See you then!